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REMARKS

Applicants' attorney thanks the Examiner for the Office Action mailed November 16, 2005. With reference to the Office Action, applicants' attorney is pleased to note that the Examiner has indicated that Claims 20-23, 26, and 30 contain allowable subject matter. By the foregoing amendments, Claim 20 has been rewritten in independent form to include all of the features recited in its base claim (i.e., independent Claim 15, which has been canceled) and its intervening claim (i.e., dependent Claim 19, which has also been canceled), while Claim 23 has been rewritten in independent form to include all of the features recited in its base claim (i.e., independent Claim 15).

Likewise, Claim 26 has been rewritten in independent form to include all of the features recited in its base claim (i.e., independent Claim 15) and its intervening claim (i.e., dependent Claim 24, which has been canceled), while Claim 30 has been rewritten in independent form to include all of the features recited in its base claim (i.e., independent Claim 15) and its intervening claim (i.e., dependent Claim 29, which has been canceled). In amending Claim 30, minor editorial changes have been made to the original claim language in order to overcome the Examiner's objection to Claim 30.

In the foregoing circumstances, amended independent Claims 20, 23, 26, and 30 are believed to be in condition for allowance. With respect to dependent Claims 21 and 22, they depend, either directly or indirectly, from amended independent Claim 20. Dependent Claims 27 and 28 have been amended such that they now depend, either directly or indirectly, from amended independent Claim 20. In such

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circumstances, it is believed that dependent Claims 21, 22, 27, and 28 are also in condition for allowance.

The remaining claims have been rejected on prior art grounds. More particularly, the Examiner rejected Claims 15-19, 24, 25, and 27-29¹ under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) in view of Coutre U.S. Patent No. 4,919,625, which discloses a track lighting apparatus. Applicants' attorney notes that the rejections to Claims 15-19, 24, 25, and 29 have been obviated by the cancellation herein of Claims 15-19, 24, 25, and 29. Also, the rejections to Claims 27 and 28 have been obviated by the amendment herein to Claims 27 and 28. Claim 28 has also been amended for clarity to recite "the carrying arm (8)" instead of "the carrier (8)."

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicants and their attorney respectfully request the re-examination and allowance of Claims 20-23, 26-28, and 30. If such action cannot be taken, the Examiner is cordially invited to place a telephone call to applicants' attorney in order that any outstanding issue may be resolved without the issuance of a further Office Action.

¹ With respect to Claim 28, the Office Action indicates that "it would have been obvious to modify the device of Dickey et al. with different shape bottom." In a telephone conference with Eric Bleich on February 16, 2006, the Examiner indicated, however, that the reference to Dickey et al. was an error, and that the track lighting apparatus disclosed in the Coutre reference was what the Examiner intended.

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A check for \$320 is enclosed to pay the fee for one additional independent claim in excess of three (\$200) and the one-month extension of time fee (\$120). If there are any additional fees due and owing, including extension and petition fees, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge them to Deposit Account No. 503571.

Respectfully submitted,

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